WHEREAS, South Dakotans value their environment and recognize trees as being one of the few renewable natural resources in the State; and,

WHEREAS, Trees provide the wood fiber for forest products; protect the e xpansive watersheds; provide for wildlife; and contribute towards a higher degree of landscape beautifucation; and,

WHEREAS, Citizens of rural areas have planted over 2.5 million trees in 1974, and our communities continue to counteract the effects of Dutch elm disease by sound planning and action programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 25, 1975, as

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and urge all South Dakotans to manage our existing tree resources, to plant a tree for the future, and to support local replanting projects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 14th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

R. F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE